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Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 140 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/53/546.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 61st and 62nd meetings, on 25 and 27 May 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.61 and 62).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (A/53/786, A/53/437 and Add.1 and A/53/812 and Add.1) and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/895 and A/53/958).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.65

4. At the 62nd meeting, on 27 May, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force" (A/C.5/53/L.65), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.65 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council decided that the United Nations Protection Force within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force, and 1186 (1998) of 21 July 1998, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 28 February 1999,

Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 53/20 of 2 November 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 12.2 million United States dollars, representing 8.2 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 28 February 1999, notes that some 26 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

[1] A/53/786, A/53/437 and Add.1 and A/53/812 and Add.1.

[2] A/53/895 and A/53/958.

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the liquidation of the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Decides* to reduce the appropriation provided by the General Assembly in its resolutions 52/245 of 26 June 1998 and 53/20 in the amount of 50,053,745 dollars gross (48,751,045 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 1,053,745 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, to the amount of 43,062,700 dollars gross (42,004,600 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 1,053,745 dollars for the support account;

8. *Decides also* as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 21,053,745 dollars gross (20,580,245 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with its resolution 52/245 and the amount of 12,315,418 dollars gross (11,920,452 dollars net) apportioned in accordance with its resolution 53/20, to apportion the additional amount of 9,693,537 dollars gross (9,503,903 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

9. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 189,634 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

10. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 6,895,700 dollars gross (6,310,400 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998;

11. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of 6,895,700 dollars gross (6,310,400 dollars net) for the period ending 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

12. *Decides further* to appropriate the amount of 183,730 dollars gross (166,330 dollars net) for the liquidation of the Force for the period from 1 July to 15 October 1999,

[3] A/53/958.

inclusive of the amount of 9,305 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 1,825 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi;

13. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force".